Remarks

Claims 1-31 and 33-46 stand rejected. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 42 have been amended for clarification. Applicants assert that the currently pending claims are now in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

112 Rejections

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. In an effort to address the Examiner's concerns and expedite prosecution, the phrase "the second application" in claim 15 has been amended to recite "the application". As such the claim rejection under 35 USC §112 can now be withdrawn.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-2, 8-12 and 42-44 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Dasan (US Pat. 5,761,662). Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Anuff (US Pat. 6,327,628). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-2

The Office Action rejected claim 1 by stating that Dasan discloses all of the elements of claim 1. Claim 1, as amended, recites a system for distributing one or more news stories to a reader comprising, in pertinent part:

"...a news story rendering application executing on the computer that uses a file associated with the title of the news story selected by the reader to access a news story rendering file that instructs the web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface, and to access a news story data file that contains the data associated with the news story, wherein the news story data file is rendered so that it is viewable in the graphical user interface in accordance with the instructions in the news story rendering file and the data in the news story data file."

The recitations of claim 1 are contrary to Dasan. Dasan teaches information retrieval using a user defined profile whereby news article titles are retrieved by a data base search. The resulting files are listed on the user's personal profile page. (Abstract;

Col. 8, 1. 5-19). The Office Action appears to equate the retrieval of titles into the personal newspaper or the mere receipt of a referenced web page (Col. 8, 1. 19-21) to the rendering of a news story data file or that the Office Action is equating the conventional transmission of a web page from a third party server to a requestor to the rendering of an actual news story data file from a third party server to the requestor after being rendered viewable for the requestor by a rendering file. However, retrieving linking files or the conventional retrieval of a web page from a web site is not the rendering of a news story data file as recited in Claim 1.

Under Dasan, text for a story is merely referenced and viewed as any conventional HTML web page. (Col. 8, 1. 33-40). In other words the titles on Dasan's user profile merely forwards the user to the referenced source web site to retrieve a conventional web page, as opposed to using a rendering file in conjunction with a news story data file. Dasan does not teach a system which uses a file associated with the title of the news story selected by the reader to access a news story rendering file. The rendering file instructs the web browser how to display data in the graphical user interface and to access a news story *data file* that contains the data associated with the news story. As such, Dasan does not teach all of the recited elements and claim 1 is allowable over Dasan for this reason. Dependent claim 2 depends from allowable claim 1 and is allowable over Dasan for at least the same reason.

Claims 8-12 and 42-44

The Office Action rejected independent claims 8 and 42 by stating that Dasan discloses all of the elements of the claims. The Office Action does not specifically cite reasons for rejecting claim 12 under 35 USC §102. Applicants assume that since claim 12 depends from claim 8, the Office Action is rejecting claim 12 for the same reasons.

Claim 8, as amended, recites a method for distributing one or more news stories to a reader, and claim 42, as amended, recites a computer readable medium. Both claims recite, in pertinent part:

"...identifying a file comprising rendering information for the selected news story, the rendering information including a link to a rendering file, determining the location of a data file comprising news story data for the selected news story from the

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rendering information and rendering the news story data file to the reader in the web browser in accordance with the rendering file using the news story data."

The recitations of claims 8 and 42 are contrary to Dasan. Dasan teaches information retrieval using a user defined profile whereby news article titles are retrieved from a data base search and the resulting titles are listed on the user's personal profile page. (Abstract; Col. 8, l. 5-19). The Office Action appears to equate the searching of a database for search terms (Col.8, l.7-10) and the results of a personal newspaper database search (Col. 8, l. 22-39) to "identifying a file comprising rendering information" and "determining the location of a data file comprising news story data", respectively. However, searching and receiving a list of news story linking files is not "identifying a file containing rendering information". A linking file is not a rendering file. Dasan does not teach that rendering information includes a link to a rendering file not does Dasan disclose determining the location of a data file comprising news story data for the selected news story from the rendering information. Finally, Dasan does not disclose rendering the news story data file to the reader in accordance with the rendering file using the news story data. Dasan merely identifies a webpage with the news story and does not disclose a news story *data file* itself that must be rendered according to a rendering file. A news story on a HTML web page is not news story data file that must be rendered according to a rendering file.

Therefore, Dasan does not teach all of the recited elements and claims 8 and 42 are allowable over Dasan for this reason. Dependent claims 9-12 and 43-44 depend from allowable claims 8 and 42 and are allowable over Dasan for at least the same reason.

Claims 15-18

The Office Action rejected claim 15 by stating that Anuff discloses all of the elements of claim 15. Claim 15 recites, in pertinent part:

" . . . a second computer having a second display that executes a web browser, the web browser having a link to a data file, the link data file comprising a link to a view file, the view file comprising rendering instructions for rendering the information data file on the second display and an application executing on the second computer, the application comprising means for determining a location of the information data file from the link data file and means for rendering the information data file on the second display in accordance with the rendering instructions."

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This recitation is contrary to Anuff. The Office Action seems to equate information retrieval (Col. 3, l. 1-20) or the creation of a portal HTML web page (Col. 7, l. 5-35) to the "rendering of an information data file on the second display in accordance with the rendering instructions".

Anuff teaches a portal system via which users gain access to resources at various network sites. (Col. 1, l. 8-10). Anuff goes on to teach that the portal resides on a portal server and consists of a plurality of HTML web pages such as Java Server Pages that can be visited by remote users. (Col, l. 40-Col 4, l. 45). Anuff does not teach the use of a data link file comprising a link to a view file the view file comprising rendering instructions for rendering the information *data file* on the second [computer] display. The creation or transmission of a completed web page associated with a portal is not the rendering of a data file on a second computer display according to rendering instructions of a view file. A link on the portal to a web page does not instruct on how to render the web page. Furthermore, the data file of a web page cannot be an information data file and a rendering file having instructions for rendering the information data file. Therefore, Anuff does not teach all of the recited elements and claim 8 is allowable over Anuff for this reason. Dependent claims 16-21 depend from allowable claim 15 and are allowable over Dasan for at least the same reason.

103 Rejections

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Dasan in view of Anuff. Claims 3-7 and 13-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Dasan in view of Dave Winer, "Scripting News 2.0b1," http://my.userland.com/stories/storyReader$11 (hereinafter "Dave"). Claims 19-31, 33-41 and 45-46 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anuff in view of Winer. The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 3-7 and 12-14

A noted above for the §102 rejection, claims 3-7 and 12-14 which have been rejected under 35 USC §103 depend from allowable claims 1 and 8 and are allowable

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over the combination of Dasan in view of Anuff and Dasan in view of Winer for at least the same reasons.

Claims 22-31, 33-41, and 45-46

Claims 22-31, 33-41 and 45-46 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Anuff in view of Winer. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Independent claims 22, 29, and 45 and amended claim 35 recite elements not disclosed by the combinations of these references. As a representative example, claim 22 recites a method for distributing news and other information that comprises, in part, rolling out the information data file to a news feed area, along with a view file comprising rendering instructions, storing a link to the view file in a link data file, determining a location of the information data file from information contained in the link data file, and rendering the information data file on a computer display according to the rendering instructions.

As another representative example, claim 35 recites a system for creating and distributing news stories that comprises, in part, a vendor web site having a vendor computer for creating and editing a news story and storing a news story data file comprising text of the news story along with a view file comprising rendering instructions for rendering the news story data file, a subscriber web site having a subscriber computer to which the news story data file and the view file are is transferred, and a reader ...further comprising an application for determining a location of the news story data file from information in a link data file, accessing the news story data file and rendering the news story data file to a reader.

Anuff only teaches the construction of portals for the display to users. Each web page of the portal contains encapsulated modules, logos, links to access specific pages associated with the sponsor of the portal and buttons allowing the user to personalize the portal in regards to color, and features of the user's account. Each module merely lists out links to data file resources already available from third party servers. (Col. 3, l. 40-68). Winer merely discloses the use of RSS for file formatting and the use of links. (Winer pages 1-2).

The combination of Anuff and Winer does not disclose rendering information, such as that of a view file, that is used to render the news story of an information file. There is no view file or rendering information in Anuff and Winer that works in conjunction with a data file to render the news story. As discussed above, selecting a link to a web page from a portal is as disclosed in Anuff does not involve accessing a view file to render a data file according to the rendering instructions of the view file. Winer does not address such deficiencies as Winer also fails to disclose use of a view file having rendering instructions to use in conjunction with a data file to render a news story.

Accordingly, claims 22, 29, 35 and 45 are allowable for these reasons. Dependent claims 23-28, 30-31, 33-34, 36-41 and 46 depend from allowable claims 22, 29, 35 and 45 and are considered allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claims 19-21

Claims 19-21 depend from an allowable base claim and is also allowable for at least the same reasons. In particular, claims 19-21 is allowable over the combination of Anuff and Winer because, as discussed above, Anuff fails to disclose all of the claim recitations including creating the information data file, storing the information data file in a holding area and rendering the information data file on a computer display according to the rendering instructions and because Winer also fails to disclose these same recitations.
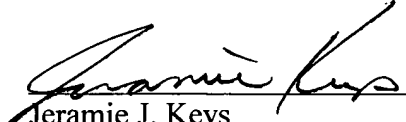
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided.

No additional fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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